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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

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11 May 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Robert W. Gambino
Chairman

FROM: [REDACTED]
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Intelligence Support for Military Tactical
Units [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] Action Requested: Concurrence is requested.

2. [REDACTED] Background:

a. [REDACTED] The DDA received on 17 April 1978 an information copy of a memorandum from the Under Secretary of Defense for Secretaries of the Military Departments and Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, which referred to the January 1978 DCI/DoD report on National/Tactical Interface (of Intelligence) provided to the Congress. The Under Secretary tasked the addressees to each prepare a Service plan for their tactical units. The plans called for addressing "security classification and information release procedures" among other topics. Mr. Ben Evans asked [REDACTED] to review and comment to the DCI.

b. [REDACTED] informed the DCI that the Resource Management Staff will contribute the equivalent of two man-years of effort to "develop an overall plan for tactical intelligence support which will include contributions of programs in both the NFIP and the DoD." Unfortunately, in the outline submitted by [REDACTED] security is not mentioned.

c. [REDACTED] Mr. Blake sent a note to you covering the entire package and observes that "this could cause some difficulties for the Security Committee."

3. [REDACTED] Staff Position:

a. [REDACTED] I agree. The main thrust of the DoD exercise is to work out some means whereby tactical commanders can derive

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maximum use of intelligence from our national collection programs and thus satisfy the Congressional concern about optimum use of resources. The reports called for by the Under Secretary of Defense will provide a national platform for military requests a' la General Tighe to lower current stringent security measures on codeword products. It will also provide opportunity for COMIREX and SIGINT Committee to restate their claim of a primary roll in setting security policy in the TK and SI arena unless SECOM acts expeditiously.

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b. ☐ To ensure that SECOM is in on deliberations at an early stage (the military plans are due by September 1978) I would suggest this issue be raised at an early SECOM meeting; and further, I will get to ☐ and point out that his outline needs a security input which we will expect to provide.

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CONCURRENCE:

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